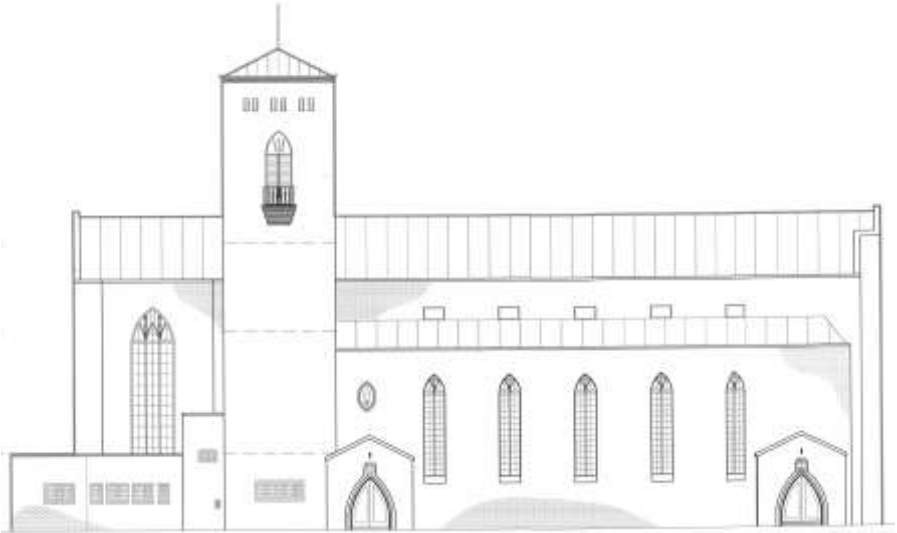


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MONTH)  
10.00 AM PARISH COMMUNION  
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WEDNESDAY 2PM  
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MONDAY	12.30 PM	HANWELL HOMELESS CONCERN
	4.45 PM	RAINBOW GUIDES
	6.00 PM	BROWNIES
TUESDAY	5.30 PM	BEAVERS
	6.30PM	CUBS
WEDNESDAY		11.00AM - 12.30PM
		MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP
	7.30PM	STUDY GROUP & COMPLINE (FIRST WED OF EACH MONTH)
THURSDAY	7.00 PM	GUIDES
FRIDAY	10.30 - 12 NOON	'POP-IN'
	7.00 PM	SCOUTS (AT 'THE WARREN' TRUMPERS WAY)
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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

All of us at one time or another make rash decisions. Sometimes these decisions are inconsequential, at other times we head for the nearest brick wall and start banging our heads against it.

A couple of months ago I received a charming email from the Dean and Chaplain of Pembroke College Cambridge inviting me to preach at Choral Evensong and stay for

Dinner. The thought of dinner was the only incentive I needed! So I readily agreed and accepted the free date offered. I received another email a couple of weeks ago from a student at the college saying how much he was looking **forward to me coming on Trinity Sunday; “Trinity Sunday??!!!”** I exclaimed as I read the email.

Moments later I received another email from the Chaplain with a list of **expectations, and practicalities including the suggestion that the “sermon should aim for sincerity and clarity”**. So there it is: **I have accepted an invitation to preach with clarity on Trinity Sunday at Cambridge University.**

**In the words of Homer Simpson I can ‘sincerely’ say, “D’oh!”**

The Feast of the *Most Holy and Undivided Trinity* has struck fear into the heart of every preacher for 2000 years. As every person who ascends the pulpit steps with a modicum of intelligence knows, no matter what they say **they’re a heretic. However, unlike me, most deliver their accidental heresies** in the warm confines of a parish church, I chose the University of Cambridge.

Yet in spite of the rashness, and huge man-trap I will inevitably step in, there is excitement, because this day reminds us of the unique nature of God and his desire for humanity. The trinity constantly stands as a reminder of what life should be. We are made in the image of God and so should reflect that divine community. The Trinity is held together by what the east calls the divine love. The divine love is more commonly called the Holy Spirit, and it is this Holy Spirit that draws into the life of the Godhead. As a Church we do not worship or pray at a distance, but are brought into participation within the divine life. Hence the complexity of the theology: the philosophical struggles all find their context within the experience of worship and the life of God.

The nature of god as Father, Son and Holy Spirit offers no easy answers, but it does offer us a way of life that desires a relationship held together by divine love. That means that however rash we may be we are always suspended from God and so are always connected to Him and the love of

**God. That should be our constant hope as individuals and as St Thomas' Church.** We too share in the divine life, and this is our mission to reveal that to the world. My prayer is that we confidently do this because there is life, and love. May we during this long season of Trinity, know the reality of that in our church and homes.

Your friend and priest

Fr Robert

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## Parish News

This season always feels confusingly busy. So I was relieved to hear that my feeling is shared by clerical brothers and sisters. What should, post APCM, be a huge ecclesiastical sigh of relief is actually a period of preparation and work before the long summer vac.

Presently, we are preparing for some significant services noticeably Corpus Christi (2<sup>nd</sup> June with a guest preacher Canon Prof. Simon Oliver) and our Patronal Festival Eucharist (3<sup>rd</sup> July Confirmation Mass with Bishop Pete Willesden). Please do support these as a way of marking our life together. Our mission springs from our encounter of God within the Eucharist and Confirmation reminds us all of our call to service. Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates over the next few weeks as they prepare themselves for receiving this wonderful sacrament.

With call to service in mind please do pray for Sophie Schuil-Brewer as she goes forward to a National Selection Conference to discern whether God is calling her to the sacred ministry. Personally I am thrilled that Sophie is exploring the possibility of priesthood within the Church of England and I am sure she would appreciate your prayers.

Yet all of us are called to serve, so please reflect on how you might respond to the call of God upon your life.

We had a wonderful May Fair, and that has whet my appetite for the Vicarage Garden party on 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is going to be a fun day with activities for children, and refreshments and relaxation for the adults, culminating in a **bring a bottle n 'BBQee' item to a BBQ in the Vicarage Garden in the evening** for anyone who wishes to come.

Also, to let you know that the new website is up and running ([www.thomashanwell.org.uk/](http://www.thomashanwell.org.uk/)). Like any good website this is an evolving thing with the aim to be a source of as much information and involvement as possible. Do use it and enjoy it, but also share it with friends. I am **immensely proud of it and see it as a 'missionary tool', so please help me to**

keep it as fresh and engaging as possible. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Nigel Brooks, who for many years has maintained the old website and kept it up to date.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June as the new Churchwardens are sworn in the Bishop of London will launch the new Diocesan Mission Initiative *Capital Vision 2020*. It is easy for us to cynically let our eyes glaze over at the prospect of yet another initiative, but this is designed to work from a starting point of who and where we are. This will mean that the new PCC will have as a key part **of their work a real engagement with how we understand God's mission in our 'corner of the vineyard'**. Please reflect how we can celebrate all that is positive, and explore all that we can do to serve God in this parish. Much work is already under way, and we have been recently supported by the Deanery with a grant of £200 to purchase new equipment for the Tots groups. Hence I see this as an evolving and renewing process, and not a revolutionary one. So please do pray for myself and the PCC as we discern together the future mission of the church, for our away day 21<sup>st</sup> September **at St Mary's Covent Chiswick, and for our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 2014.**

Finally we should also give thanks that our prayers have been answered regarding the leadership of the 7th Hanwell Cub group. Please remember them and other organisations in your prayers.



## Prayer for the month of June

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and does order them according to your good pleasure; we give you hearty thanks for that you set your servant our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, upon the throne of the realm.

Let your wisdom be her guide and your arm strengthen her; let truth, justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity abound in her days, and direct all her councils and endeavours to your glory, and the welfare of her subjects, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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# From Gill Shaw

## Our New Churchwarden

When Father Robert asked me to consider being the new Churchwarden, I **was surprised as I wasn't even on the PCC, but felt honoured to be asked** to step into the role Jill Ashcroft has fulfilled so well over the last 6 years. David has promised to ease me gently into the post and under his steadfast **and devoted presence**, I hope I can be of service to St Thomas'.

**I first came to St Thomas' when Alex, my oldest son was born, which is** more than 23 years ago, and I do now think of many of you as my extended **family. St Thomas' has and continues to be an important part of my life and** the life of my boys as they grew up. The fellowship and support of its people, who have such a wonderfully diverse range of talents, has helped me enormously through both the joys and sorrows that are part of life.

I value very much the community spirit of our social events. The traditional worship combined with the amazing music, personally speaking, gives me both an oasis of calm in my busy everyday routine and is the strong rock I can hold onto in my life.

Some of my favourite words which I feel sum this up are from the Compline service (night prayers)

Be present, O merciful God,  
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting  
world,  
may repose upon thy eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

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## Why you need strawberries this Wimbledon

**Wimbledon's here again, and so are the strawberries! Watching the tennis** may stress you out, but strawberries are totally good for you (just avoid the sugar and cream).

Strawberries are a highly concentrated source of vitamin C, vital for a healthy immune system and a powerful antioxidant which protects against heart and circulatory disease. They contain pectin, which helps with the elimination of cholesterol. They have anti-cancer properties and contain ellagic acid, which is thought to inhibit the growth of cancer cells.

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# News from the Guides

Over the May Bank Holiday weekend the Guides spent 3 days at Phasels Wood Activity Centre near Hemel Hempstead.

We had a wonderful weekend of weather and as well as learning valuable camping skills the Guides were able to take part in several exciting activities. Their first activity was the Cresta Run - a downhill track to ride on small go-carts. Next they played Aeroball and that evening they tried their hand at climbing on the rolling wall. The day ended with a traditional campfire including making s'mores.

The next morning they went on the Zip Wire. For the rest of that day we did our own activities linked to the theme of Harry Potter. We had a "Potions" wide game which was a series of challenges. Once completed they were given a spoonful of a powder that made up the potion of Sherbet. We played Quidditch (after a fashion !) and the Horcrux hunt ended up with some pictures of "he who must not be named". That evening we held a Fluffy Drive (a beetle drive where we had to draw Fluffy the 3-headed dog) As it got dark we held a Guides Own Service round the campfire during which Eleanor and Skye made their Guide Promise.

Our last exciting challenge was the high ropes course which was scary and really good fun. All too soon it was time to pack up and take down the tents. We had enjoyed a great weekend and can't wait to go away again. Special thank go to Nicki Thomson and Janet Taylor (2 Mums) who agreed to come away with us. Without their help we would not have been able to go.

Bev.

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## *Faith in Suburbia Exhibition.*

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## June's Anglican Saint

14 June Richard Baxter,  
Puritan Divine, 1691

Richard Baxter was hugely influential, but could have been far more so. Unfortunately, he was the sort of man who could fall out with his own shadow, and pick a fight in an empty room, and I would no doubt have incurred his ire by use of **the word Saint (capital 'S')**. **Consequently, his** influence on the future of the Anglican Church was probably not all it could have been, which

ultimately led to him leaving it along with others of a Presbyterian persuasion unable to accept the role and place of bishops in the Church. However, we do still owe him much in a devotional sense, not least every **time we sing 'ye holy angels bright'**. **For a more 'sympathetic' analysis here is** his entry in *Saints on Earth* Darch & Burns 2004.

Richard Baxter was born at Rowton in Shropshire in 1615 and educated at Donnington Free School in nearby Wroxeter. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Worcester in 1638. He was successively master of a school in Dudley, and curate first of Bridgnorth then of Kidderminster until civil war broke out in 1642. Though he served as a chaplain in the Parliamentary army for five years Baxter was always a moderate. He sought to curb the excesses of the Parliamentary troops and opposed both the execution of **the king and Cromwell's assumption of power**.

Baxter returned to Kidderminster as vicar in 1647. His ministry among the **'ignorant, rude and revelling people' of the town was remarkable**. In addition to his preaching ministry Baxter set about implementing a policy of systematic parochial catechizing.

So successful was this practice that five galleries were built in the parish church in order to accommodate the much larger number of churchgoers. *The Reformed Pastor*, published in 1656, was **Baxter's own account of this ministry ('Reformed' in this context meant not Calvinistic in doctrine but renewed in practice)** and the book was both read and warmly recommended by the leaders of the evangelical revival of the following century.



Baxter was among those who invited Charles II to return in 1660 and his reward was to be offered the bishopric of Hereford. But, still questioning the nature and necessity of episcopacy after what he had seen of it in the years leading up to the Civil War, he declined and thus effectively ended his career in the Anglican ministry. At the 1661 Savoy Conference Baxter **presented the 'Exceptions'** – proposed changes to the Book of Common Prayer from a Puritan standpoint, most of which were rejected. But once again he appeared as the voice of moderation, producing a reformed eucharistic liturgy that satisfied neither Puritans nor Laudians.

Following the 1662 Act of Uniformity, Baxter lived privately in and around London. He suffered a great deal of petty persecution and was twice imprisoned. His second imprisonment, when he was 70, was for 21 months at the hands of the notorious Judge Jeffreys, for alleged sedition in his *Paraphrase of the New Testament* (1685). An advocate of moderation, toleration and fellowship across denominational divides he recognized that **'God breaketh not all men's hearts alike'** and **welcomed the Toleration Act** of 1689. He died in London in 1691.

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**I** t was.....

175 years ago: on 28<sup>th</sup> Jun 1838 that the Coronation of Queen Victoria took place.

150 years ago: on 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 1863 that Franz Gruber, Austrian organist and **composer, best known for composing the Christmas carol 'Silent Night'**, died.

Also 75 years ago: on 9<sup>th</sup> **Jun 1938 that London's Trooping the Colour** ceremony was televised for the first time.

60 years ago: on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun 1953 that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey, London.

30 years ago: on 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 1983 that Margaret Thatcher won her second term as British Prime Minister with a landslide victory in the General Election.

25 years ago: on 11<sup>th</sup> **Jun 1988 that Nelson Mandela's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tribute** took place at Wembley Stadium, London. (He was still in prison, and was released in February 1990.)

# For those of us who remember Milk Deliveries in Bottles

**Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.**

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

**Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.**

Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Milkman, please could I have a loaf but not bread today.

Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.

**Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.**

**Sorry about yesterday's note. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.**

When you leave my milk please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

**Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation**

Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant.

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the

**days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.**

My back door is open. Please put milk in fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

Milkman please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper

**inside the screen door. PS don't leave any milk.**

No milk. Please do not leave milk at No 14 either as he is dead until further notice.



# From the Editors

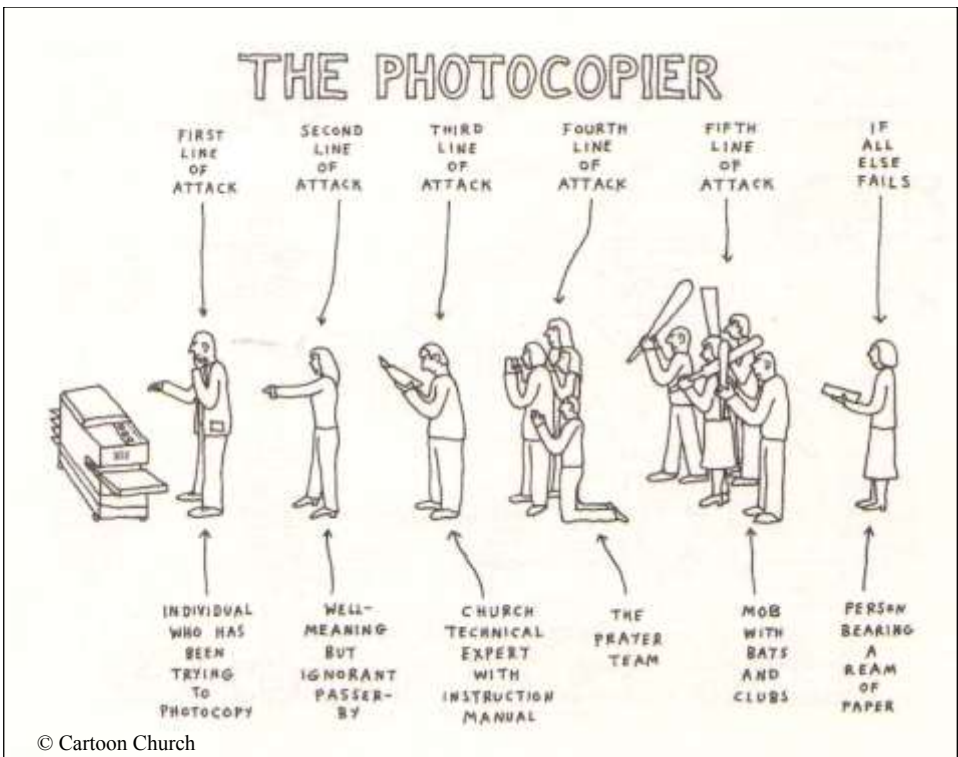
Good luck to all our young people who are sitting exams at this time. Do visit the Faith in Suburbia Exhibition at Gunnersbury Park Museum before it closes at the end of this month,

Jul + Sue

Copy date for the July Trident will be Sunday 9th June  
Copy date for the August Trident will be Sunday 14th July  
Copy date for the September Trident will be Sunday 11th August

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# Volunteers needed

If you have some spare time to fill it would be much appreciated if you could consider giving us a little of your time and skills by helping us in either or both of the below:

## **St. Thomas' Tots Group**

This is run by Father Robert and a small group of volunteers on Wednesday mornings in the Church Hall. The sessions run from 10.30 – 11.45 a.m.

We could do with volunteers to help with:

- a. sweeping the hall floor and putting out the play equipment between 9.45 and 10.30
- b. the actual play sessions from 10.30 – 11.45 when we welcome the parents/carers and children as they arrive; make drinks and prepare a fruit snack for the children; talk to the adults and children; interact with the children, then join with them in the short singing session at the end of the morning. Parents/Carers are responsible for their children during the session, we do not lead their play, however we do help Father Robert with the songs at the end. After the singing we put the equipment away and clean the floor again
- c. occasional emergency cover on dates when we know that we will be short of volunteers, particularly on the first Wednesday of every month

This is very much a Community Group. We get between 10 and 30 children at each session, aged between 1 and 3 years old. The parents/carers are very friendly and we all enjoy watching the children have fun! All look forward to Father Robert picking up his guitar in order to lead the singing at the end of the sessions.

If you are interested and would like to know more please talk to Eileen Sinclair, Rose Noel or Linda Williams. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.

## The Intercessions

I will soon be preparing the Intercessions Rota for the second part of 2013. I am always happy to welcome new Intercessors, as I feel that each person brings their own special contribution to that part of the **service**.

I can provide exemplars for the Intercessors for their allocated Sundays, also details of the usual overall structure of the Intercessions.

If you are interested in becoming an Intercessor or would like to hear more about it please get in touch with me, via the Choir or by telephone (8840 0038). I would be very happy to talk to you and answer any questions that you may have.

Linda Williams

## Afloat, afield

God and Jesus and the Spirit so pure,  
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\*STAY FOR TEN MINUTES OR THE MORNING!



## June

7th - tea, coffee and cakes.

14th - tea, coffee and cakes

21st - tea, coffee and cakes

28th - tea, coffee and cakes

The POP-IN is run by the Hanwell Neighbourly Care Scheme.

# Diary Dates



## MAY

26th Sun Trinity Sunday  
28th Tues 8pm PCC

## JUNE

2nd Sun Parish Mass Votive for Corpus Christi  
Canon Professor Simon Oliver to preach  
3rd Mon Youth Committee meeting.  
8<sup>th</sup> Sat 2pm Wedding of Riccardo Castagna &  
Charlotte Louise Hammond  
9th Sun 2nd Sunday after Trinity  
15th Sat Hanwell Carnival  
16th Sun 3rd Sunday after Trinity  
23rd Sun 4th Sunday after Trinity  
30th Sun 5th Sunday after Trinity  
6.30pm - Choral Evensong

## JULY

3rd Wed 7.30pm Patronal Festival Mass & Confirmation  
Celebrant & Preacher-The Bishop of Willesden.  
Vicarage Garden Party & evening BBQ.  
6th Sat 6th Sunday after Trinity  
7th Sun 7th Sunday after Trinity  
14th Sun 8th Sunday after Trinity  
21st Sun 9th Sunday after Trinity  
28th Sun

*Baby/Toddler Group  
Wednesdays in  
**St Thomas' Hall**  
from 11am till 12.30pm.  
All are welcome.  
Free.*

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